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SUBJECT: JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS: NEGOTIATIONS FOR RETURN OF
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1. JAPANESE AND SOVIETS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON SCENARIO FOR RETURN OF MIG-25. ACCORDING TO FONOFF FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIVDIR TOGO, SOVIET VESSEL (4,673 TON LUMBER FREIGHTER TAIGANOS) WILL ARRIVE HITACHI PORT EARLY MORNING FRIDAY, NOV. 12. SOVIETS WILL CHECK CRATES FOR BASIC CONTENTS AND SIGN FIRST OF TWO RECEIPTS BEFORE LOADING. ONCE ON BOARD CRATES WILL BE UNPACKED AND EXAMINED IN DETAIL BY 20 SOVIET TECHNICIANS IN PRESENCE OF JAPANESE. CONTENTS OF EACH CRATE WILL AGAIN BE CERTIFIED BY BOTH SIDES. WHOLE PROCESS SHOULD TAKE NO MORE THAN THREE DAYS, JAPANESE ESTIMATE, AND SHIP SHOULD BE UNDER WAY NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOV. 15.

2. TOGO IS CONFIDENT THAT SOVIETS GETTING PLANE BACK
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IN AS GOOD OR BETTER CONDITION THAN WHEN RECEIVED.
CONTENTS OF CRATES HAVE BEEN METICULOUSLY PACKED AND

EVEN POLISHED. IF SOVIETS COMPLAIN THAT CONTENTS NOT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORIGINAL PLANS FOR MIG-25, JAPANESE
WILL ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY, STATING THEY UNAWARE
WHAT THOSE PLANS ARE.

3. TOGO SAID THAT WORKING LEVEL RELATIONSHIPS WITH
SOVIETS HAVE EASED NOW THAT END OF ARDUOUS NEGOTIATING
PROCESS IN SIGHT. SOVIET TECHNICIANS CONNECTED WITH
NEGOTIATIONS FOR EXCHANGE HAVE BEEN HELPFUL. TOGO WILL
PERSONNALLY OVERSEE TRANSFER AT HITACHI OVER WEEKEND.
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